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FOLLOWING ANKARA 3509 SENT ACTION USNATO INFO SECSTATE MAY 9TH.

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 3509

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, TU
SUBJ: TURKISH OPIUM POPPY BAN

FOR AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
ANDY GOODPASTER:

QUOTE DURING YOUR MAY 24 VISIT TO ISTANBUL AND IZMIR,
PROVIDED YOU CONSIDER OCCASION APPROPRIATE, IT WOULD BE
EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF, IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS, YOU COULD
GIVE TURKEY'S TOP-LEVEL MILITARY LEADERS A PRIVATE EXPRESSION
OF YOUR VIEWS ON HOW US-TURKISH DEFENSE RELATIONS WOULD
BE AFFECTED IN EVENT TURKEY DECIDES TO LIFT BAN ON OPIUM POPPY
CULTIVATION.

QUOTE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING RESUMING POPPY
CULTIVATION UNDER STRICT CONTROLS, CONTRARY TO 1971 AGREEMENT
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UNDER WHICH WE PLEDGED $35 MILLION TO OFFSET LOSSES AND HELP

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THEM MAKE TRANSITION TO NON-CULTIVATION. AMERICAN AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CONTROLS WILL BE
EFFECTIVE, AND STRONG EVIDENCE SUPPORTS FORECAST THAT, IF
DECISION MADE TO RESUME GROWING, AN ANGRY U.S. CONGRESS
WILL INSURE THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IS ENDED. (THE
SLOGAN NOW BEING READIED FOR USE IS "A VOTE FOR TURKEY IS A
VOTE FOR NARCOTICS".)

QUOTE BECAUSE OF THEADVERSE CONSEQUENCES TO BOTH
THE U.S. HERION SUPPRESSION EFFORT AND TO U.S. -TURKISH
RELATIONS, HIGHEST LEVELS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT ARE INVOLVED
IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE GOT TO MAINTAIN BAN. YOUR COMMENTS
TO TURK MILITARY LEADERS WOULD CLEARLY FIT INTO THIS CONTEXT.

QUOTE WITH MUCH APPRECIATION AND WARMEST REGARDS,
BILL. UNQUOTE
MACOMBER UNQUOTE RUSH

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